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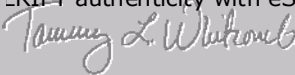
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

On October 1, 2013, many federal agencies were shut down or partially shut down due to a lapse in appropriations. As a result, many United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General (USPS OIG) employees have been furloughed, which places them in a non-pay status until Congress passes an appropriation. In addition, even those employees who are reporting to work to perform excepted functions, will not be paid until an appropriation is passed by Congress.

Because these employees will not be receiving pay during this time, some of them may have difficulty in timely meeting their financial obligations. This lapse in appropriations is a temporary situation and is beyond the control of our employees. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility with USPS OIG employees until this situation is resolved.

Our employees will be returned to pay status as soon as possible. We hope this letter provides additional information to help explain this furlough process, and again, we appreciate your patience and flexibility with our employees during this time.

Sincerely,

E-Signed by Tammy Whitcomb 
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